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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 19, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner reconsider the captioned application in view of the amendments and remarks to follow.

Amendments to Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.